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Tighter Controls Ordered

The City Council this week asked City Attorney James H. Hall to draft a new set of ordinances governing the oil fields in the city, and asked him to "put some teeth into them."

Action of the Council followed a report by Planning Commission Secretary George Powell, who is a former councilman, which was prompted by the near-death of a toddler in an unenclosed sump two weeks ago. Powell told the councilmen that he had found nine obvious sump violations and others made of the Torrance oil field, but that taking action to prosecute the operators required a certain amount of red tape.

Procedure Outlined
First, Powell said, the oil leases had to be posted concerning the violations and the owner had to be notified by registered mail of the violations existing on his property. After that, Powell said, if nothing is done, the city may prosecute. These provisions for prosecuting sump violations and others pertaining to the operation of oil pumping equipment are contained in city ordinances covering the subject.

Following Powell's report, in which he verbally recommended that the city take action to clean up the whole mess was an enforceable ordinance, the Council voted to have an ordinance drawn up by the city attorney and presented to them.

Among other things, Powell asked for a tight bonding law, requirement for a performance bond, and other safeguards.

El Nido Hits Redondo Bid To Buy Park

Efforts of Redondo Beach to purchase El Nido Park from the county are expected to set off considerable fireworks at next Monday night's meeting of the El Nido Civic Assoc., according to George Morehart, secretary of the association.

With plans of the association to annex the park to Torrance along with El Nido residence district already underway, it is the opinion in El Nido that local interests can best be served with annexation of the park to the City of Torrance.

President Gladys Ferguson announced that Robert H. Adler, general manager of the big South Bay Shopping Center, soon to be erected on the 40-acre tract at the corner of 174th St. and Hawthorne Ave., will address next Monday night's meeting. Adler will bring with him maps and drawings of the tract and many of the buildings soon to be erected there.

Work of leveling off the ground has already been completed and construction of streets and buildings will start at an early date, according to Adler. President Ferguson tends an invitation to residents of all territory surrounding El Nido to attend the meeting and hear the latest plans for the development of the big Shopping Center.

Secretary Morehart announced that the annual nomination and reports of officers will be held that night.

Dog that Bit Torrance High Student Sought

A search was on this week for a red or brown shaggy dog, described as a mongrel, after such a dog bit a 16-year-old high school student near 231st St. and Arlington Ave. Monday.

Nipped in the calf by the mongrel was Torrance High student Emma Mills, who lives at 2451 W. 236th St. Doctors have advised that Miss Mills will probably have to undergo the unpleasant rabies treatment series.

Anyone noting such a dog, which was described as being without a collar, may contact the girl's father, Robert E. Mills, by calling DA 6-5886 or by contacting him at Mary's Cafe near Columbia Steel, his phone there is FA 8-1400.



VIOLINIST CAMILLA WICKS
... To Play Here April 12

Date for Violin Concert Nearing

Camilla Wicks, young violinist, will be the featured soloist on the third of the current Youth Band-Artists Concerts scheduled for the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Tuesday night, April 12th.

Miss Wicks will play a one hour recital as the second half of a joint concert with the Torrance Area Youth Band, the Youth Band, directed by James Van Dyck, will play the first half of the program.

Featured instrumentalist on the band's share of the concert will be the gifted clarinetist, Clement Hutchinson, a former Eastman Scholarship student and now instructor in woodwinds at the University of Southern California.

This series of concerts bringing together the Youth Band and famous music personalities in joint concert is sponsored by the Youth Band Artists Concerts Association headed by Ethel Derouin, general chairman. The association is an affiliation of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc.

Miss Wicks, born and raised in Long Beach, is already regarded by many discerning audiences in the concert halls of the world as the "greatest woman violinist of today." Miss Wicks began her extensive concertizing in Europe and during her first trip abroad played 87 concerts before the conclusion of that tour. Critics all over Europe proclaimed her "A Violin Phenomenon."

She made her American debut with the New York Philharmonic Symphony at the age of 17 and has since appeared with all of the leading orchestras of the world. She records for Capitol Records and His Master's Voice Records—her instrument is the famous "Duke of Cambridge" Stradivarius, dated 1725.

Aside from the regular 700 regular season ticket holders to these concerts, around 300 seats will be available to the general public for this concert. Persons interested in tickets may write direct to the Association, Box 548, Torrance, Calif., or call FAIRfax 8-5273.

Red Cross Nears \$13,900 Quota

The mid-way mark of the Red Cross campaign finds Torrance volunteers pushing for the top of the \$13,900 goal, after securing a 58 per cent quota, to place them in the fourth position among communities participating in the entire Los Angeles area fund program.

Urging continued activities of all forces in the interest

of reaping another \$6800 needed to complete the goal, Albert Isen, fund chairman, stated that Southwest area communities captured the four leading positions, following complete tabulation of returns at the first of the week. Holding the leading spots in Red Cross solicitation are Palos Verdes, 81 per cent; South Bay, 72 per cent; and Lomita-Harbor City, 64 per cent.

A breakdown of the \$8131 sum raised locally indicates that the residential unit with a 78 per cent quota leads all others. Next in line are the business volunteers with 64 per cent of their \$1400 goal in hand, according to Mrs. Murray Kuehnik, chairman.

Commerce and industry returns submitted by Marvin J. Schwab, chairman, total \$3216 to reflect a 44 per cent quota. At least five per cent or approximately \$50,000 of the Southwest area's \$88,000 goal had been collected at the first of the week, according to Frank Arten, regional chairman.

Year's Building Totals Nearing Eight Million

March building activity in Torrance picked up over February, with totals for the year reaching nearly \$8,000,000. According to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's Office, building for the first half of March totaled \$2,104,488, larger than the amount for all of February.

The Torrance School District was the largest single contributor, with permits issued for a \$338,692 music building and gymnasium at North Torrance High School, and \$361,955 for new buildings at Carl Steele School.

The Essex Building Company and Arroyo Homes, Inc., each took out permits for 24 homes, each group totalling about \$275,000. All the homes are located near 178th and Falda Ave.

A resolution urging support of the June 10 bond election was passed Tuesday by the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee.

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A large vote was urged by Robert I. Plomert, who pointed out that a two-thirds majority is needed at the election. Several recent bond elections in other cities have been defeated by "apathy," he said.

The TEAC passed a resolution accepting funds from various organizations to provide publicity for the bond issue. As an advisory group, the TEAC can actively back the election, while the schools cannot.

Soldier Set For Trial For Checks

A Fort MacArthur soldier was bound over to Long Beach Superior Court Tuesday on three counts of writing bad checks on a closed account by South Bay Municipal Judge John Shidler.

According to Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett, Technical Sgt. Ray L. Berry, 34, admitted writing some \$600 worth of bad checks in this area. He has been AWOL from Fort MacArthur since Jan. 13, Bennett said.

He was picked up by Torrance police on March 9. The veteran of 12 years in the Army was released on \$300 bail. He is scheduled to appear on April 20.

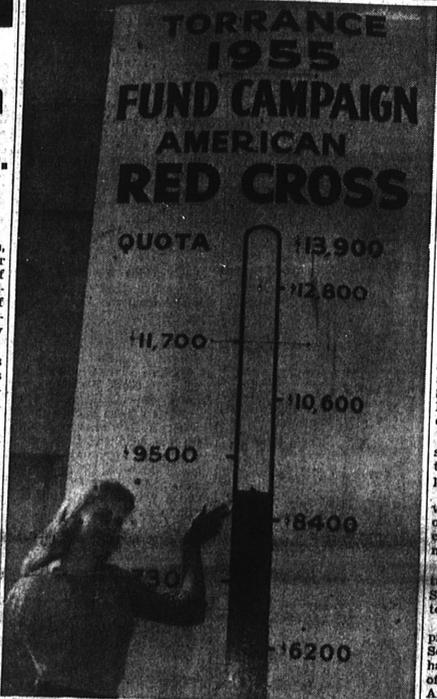
5 Acres Bought for Playground, Parking

Purchase of a five-acre site on Plaza del Amo, near Carson St. for use as playgrounds and parking was approved Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board.

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NEARING THE GOAL... Rosanne Hamilton, 17-year-old Torrance High School junior, points up the progress made thus far in the 1955 Red Cross fund campaign. Torrance is officially credited with reaching 58 per cent of its \$13,900 goal, but Chairman Albert Isen says the local chapter has passed the two-thirds mark and he hopes to complete the goal in the near future.

3 Face Trial On Counts of Bookmaking

Three persons arrested here Feb. 15 for alleged illegal bookmaking operations were bound over to Long Beach Superior Court for a March 30 trial by South Bay Municipal Judge John Shidler.

Charged on four counts in connection with what police termed "bet-minute" operations were Mrs. Laurine Trimble, 38, of 22625 Selma St., and Judson B. and Margaret A. Allsup, of Hermosa Beach.

The trio was arrested at Mrs. Trimble's house where police said the phone rang constantly with calls from prospective bettors. Mrs. Trimble denied knowledge that her home was used for bookmaking, police said. All three were released on \$500 bond.

In Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday, Allsup pleaded not guilty to a similar charge brought against him earlier in Manhattan Beach. His trial on this count will be on April 18 in Department 40.

FOREMEN TO HEAR JUDGE

Judge LeRoy Dawson, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, will speak at the regular meeting of General Petroleum Foreman's Assn. tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles.

He served with the Municipal Court for 22 years, and is known for his work with traffic and juvenile problems. The foreman's association, with some 450 employees, consists of personnel from various levels of management and supervisory work.

YOUTH HURT IN BATTLE OVER GIRL

A 15-year-old Torrance High School youth received stomach cuts from a can opener and back injuries from being beaten with a pipe Tuesday night after a fight with three boys who he said had been heckling his girl friend.

John Evans, of 1333 Cordary Ave., told sheriff's deputies that he and his brother were visiting a girl friend and were standing near Milton and Normandie Aves., when two boys came by and started insulting his girl friend.

He told the boys to "beat it," he said, which they did, but later returned with another boy and got in a fight with the Evans boys, wielding a can opener and a pipe.

Evans was treated and released at Harbor General Hospital, while deputies were considering charges against the trio, captured shortly after the fight.

Man Gets Fined For Low Flying View of House

A 25-year-old aircraft worker paid \$50 for an aerial view of his new home. Edgar Robert Seaman pleaded guilty Friday in South Bay Municipal Court to low flying last Feb. 20 in the vicinity of his new home at 2014 Grand Summit Rd.

Seaman wanted to see the house from the air, but he came down too close for a view, according to authorities. Seaman paid \$50 rather than serve 10 days in jail. Judge John A. Shidler grounded the pilot for one year.

Former Division Manager of U.S. Chamber Hired

Selection of Tom V. Watson, former division manager for the United States Chamber of Commerce, to succeed Dale Isenberg, as executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was announced yesterday by President Paul Loranger.

Watson, who now makes his home in Denver, Colo., was chosen after a score of applicants had been interviewed and their backgrounds studied.

"Mr. Watson's previous experience makes him the top candidate to develop an effective program of action of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce," Loranger commented after the selection of the new secretary.

Prior to entering the Air Force in 1941, Watson served with the Chamber of Commerce in Odessa, Levelland, and Throckmorton, Tex. and had been public relations director and head of the social science department of Odessa High School.

Staged Oil Show
The Little International Oil Shows of 1940 and 1941 were sponsored by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, and Watson was the assistant manager in charge of publicity, public relations, and special events for the big productions.

Watson has also done newspaper reporting, and has had experience as a press agent and publicity director. He has also been an active speaker throughout the southwest during his eight years with the U. S. Chamber.

Son of Minister
The son of a Methodist minister in western Texas, Watson is married, but has no children. He received his BA and MA degrees from Texas Technological College with majors in history and social science.

"Along with other projects, I believe the local Chamber of Commerce should promote and strengthen our economic system of private enterprise and our political system of representative democracy," Watson told the board of directors here during his interview for the position.

Orchestra Concert Set

A concert will be presented by the District Orchestra for the Elementary Schools on Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. at the Torrance High School auditorium.

The 80-member group, composed of top instrumentalists from local elementary schools, will be directed by Mrs. Marilyn Wilde, Jerry Andrews, Gordon Petrie, and Mrs. Doris Crozier. High School director Marty Baum will be guest conductor. The public is invited to the free concert.

Frame-Stucco Schools Get Local Board's OK

Frame-stucco design for the proposed Arlington and Sepulveda Schools was approved Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board.

These buildings will cost less, the board was told, and reportedly as satisfactory as the present concrete structures which have been built recently. The same type of structure was built at the recently constructed Hillside School.